

SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

As pointed out at the beginning of this Supplemental Reply, the claims presented herein constitute the corrected section of the Reply previously filed on September 8, 2003 in this case. Thus, they now include Claim 9 which had previously been inadvertently omitted from the claims filed in the prior Reply.

This is believed to fulfill the requirements stated in the Communication from the USPTO dated November 26, 2003.

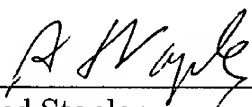
In addition, the Examiner's attention is respectfully invited to the following.

Claim 2, as previously presented in the Reply filed under date of September 8, 2003 had been designated, to be "(previously presented)". This prior designation constitutes an inadvertent error. In fact, Claim 2, as it appeared in the prior Reply, was being amended in that Reply. That is apparent from the word "medical" which appears underlined on line 1 of Claim 2, thereby showing that the claim was being amended by this added word. Thus, designating Claim 2 as previously presented constitutes the obvious error, which is sincerely regretted. In the claims presented in this Supplemental Reply that error has also been corrected and Claim 2 has been correctly designated as "(currently amended)". Any confusion caused by this inadvertent error is sincerely regretted.

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With this Reply, it is submitted that the application is now in its proper condition and its further examination and allowance is hereby solicited.

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